

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Intended to be proposed by Mr. WILSON, to the bill (H. R. 683) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, viz: at the end of the bill insert the following as an additional section:

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That commissioned
2 officers of the army, serving in the field, shall hereafter be
3 permitted to purchase rations for their own use, on credit,
4 from any commissary of subsistence, at cost prices, and the
5 amount due for rations so purchased shall be reported
6 monthly to the Paymaster General, to be deducted from the
7 payment next following such purchase. And the Secretary
8 of War is hereby directed to issue such orders and regula-
9 tions as he may deem best calculated to insure the proper
10 observance hereof.

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1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That the President
2 of the United States may appoint, in addition to the number
3 of cadets heretofore authorized by law, from among the
4 orphan children of officers or soldiers who have been or may
5 be killed in battle, or who have died or may die of dis-
6 ease incurred in the line of duty during the present rebellion,
7 two cadets for each State represented in Congress, who shall
8 be actual residents of the State for which they may be ap-
9 pointed; and fifty cadets, to be appointed from the military
10 forces of the United States, regular and volunteer, who shall
11 have served for a period of not less than nine months.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That no person
2 shall hereafter be admitted as a cadet at the Military

3 Academy who shall be less than seventeen or more than
4 twenty years of age on the first day of July in the year of
5 his admission.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That on and after
2 the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, no
3 person shall be admitted as a cadet at the Military Academy
4 until he shall have passed a full and satisfactory examination
5 in the following named branches of education :

6 First. Spelling, reading, writing, and the grammatical
7 construction of the English language.

8 Second. An outline of the physical and political geogra-
9 phy and of the history of the United States.

10 Third. Arithmetic, to include the decimal numeration,
11 the four ground rules, the tables of the standard weights and
12 measures and the coins of the United States, England, and
13 France; reduction of weights, measures, and so forth; vulgar
14 and decimal fractions, and ratios and proportions.

15 Fourth. Algebra, to include the solution and discussion
16 of equations of the second degree.

17 Fifth. Geometry, to comprise the principal theorems
18 and problems of plane geometry which treat of right lines,
19 angles, triangles, polygons, and the circle.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That the President
2 of the United States may, from time to time, upon the
3 recommendation of the annual board of visitors and the

4 academic board of the Military Academy, make such changes
5 in the qualifications for admission provided for in the preceding
6 section as may be deemed necessary.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That on and after the
2 first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, no person
3 shall be admitted a cadet at the Military Academy, nor shall
4 any cadet receive a commission in the army, who has not
5 undergone a medical examination and been pronounced physi-
6 cally qualified for the duties of a soldier.

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1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after
2 the first day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and
3 during the continuance of the present rebellion, the commu-
4 tation price of officers' subsistence shall be fifty cents per
5 ration: *Provided,* That said increase shall not apply to the
6 commutation price of the rations of any officer above the
7 rank of brevet brigadier general, or of any officer entitled to
8 commutation for fuel or quarters.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That hereafter,
2 during the continuance of the present rebellion, there shall
3 be no deductions made from, or income tax levied upon, the
4 salary of any officer in the military or naval service; and all
5 acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That all officers of
2 volunteers, who shall continue in the military service to the
3 close of the war, shall be entitled to receive, upon being
4 mustered out of said service, three months' pay proper: *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply
6 to officers not on duty, or to officers entitled to commutation
7 of fuel and quarters.

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1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary
2 of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause tobacco to
3 be furnished to the enlisted men of the army at cost prices,
4 exclusive of the cost of transportation, in such quantities as
5 they may require, not exceeding sixteen ounces per month,
6 and the amount due therefor shall be deducted from their pay
7 in the same manner as at present provided for the settlement
8 of clothing accounts.